

## **Sermon Discussion Guide**

July 19, 2020

Matthew 5:43-48

### **Responses & Reactions**

- What disturbed you, challenged you, or intrigued you in this week's message?

### **Digging Deeper**

- What examples can you think of that show Jesus confronting his enemies while still loving them?
- The Jewish leaders believed that working with the Romans was the best way to respond to the Roman occupation of Jerusalem. The Jewish zealots believed that revolution was the best way to respond. How does the way of Jesus offer a different alternative?

### **Bringing it Home**

- What, in your experiences, is the hardest part of loving your enemies?
- Have you ever responded with passive aggression or gossip as a way of responding to enemies instead of lovingly confronting them?
  - What was the result?
- If someone were to ask you how they can better love their enemies what would you tell them in your own words from your own experiences?